

**MINUTES**  
**VERNON TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING**  
**TOWN HALL - 14 PARK PLACE - 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**  
**VERNON, CONNECTICUT**

**Tuesday, April 7, 2009 7:00 P.M.**

The special Town Council budget meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

A.) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Council Members Daniel Anderson, Bill Campbell, Daniel Champagne, Mark Etre, Marie Herbst, Brian Motola, Sean O'Shea, Pauline Schaefer, Harry Thomas, Michael Winkler

**Absent:**

**Entered During Meeting:** Bill Fox (7:15), Nancy Herold (7:35 PM)

**Also Present:** Mayor Jason L. McCoy, Town Administrator John Ward, Recording Secretary Jill Kentfield

The April 1, 2009 recessed meeting reconvened at 7:05 PM.

Open tab and motion on the floor:

Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 5, page 23, in the amount of \$105,881, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place. Council Member Etre, seconded by Council Member Thomas made a motion to reduce object code 58800 by \$15,000.

Discussion continued.

Recess (7:30 PM)

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to recess the Special Town Council Budget meeting until the end of the regularly scheduled Town Council Meeting has been completed. Motion carried unanimously.

Reconvene (8:30 PM)

**Request that the Town Council return to the recessed 2009-2010 Budget Discussion to continue and complete their final deliberations. Finance Officer James Luddecke to be present to conduct a revenue discussion and answer questions. Finally, the Town Council is requested to approve the total budget for Town Meeting at the conclusion of discussions.**

**MOTION:**

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to adjourn the regular Town Council meeting and move back to the budget meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Recess (8:31 PM)

Reconvene (8:45 PM)

Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Thomas made a motion to waive curfew. Council Member Winkler asked them to set a time. Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Thomas amended his motion to adjourn at 12:30 PM. Motion carried, Council Members Herbst, Schaefer, Fox and Herold abstained.

Open tab and motion on the floor:

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Discussion took place. Council Member Etre, seconded by Council Member Thomas made a motion to reduce object code 58800 by \$15,000.

Discussion continued. Council Member Herbst made a motion to move the question, motion failed, Council Members Etre, Motola, Anderson, Campbell, Thomas, Champagne opposed.

Original motion to reduce object code 58800 by \$15,000 carried, Council Members Herbst, Schaefer, O'Shea, Herold and Winkler opposed, Council Member Fox abstained.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member O'Shea made a motion to close tab 5, page 23 in the amount of \$90,881, motion carried, Council Members Herbst and Schaefer opposed.

### **Pension**

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion to open tab 10, page 67, in the amount of \$2,047,000, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to close tab 10, page 67, account 10670271, in the amount of \$2,047,000, motion carried, Council Members Herold and Champagne abstained.

### **Group Insurance**

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member O'Shea made a motion to open tab 10, page 68, in the amount of \$2,766,250, motion carried, Council Member Champagne abstained. Discussion took place.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Thomas made a motion to close tab 10, page 68, account 10670272, in the amount of \$2,766,250, motion carried, Council Member Champagne abstained.

### **Unemployment Insurance**

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Herbst made a motion to open tab 10, page 69, in the amount of \$24,000, motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member O'Shea made a motion to close tab 10, page 69, account 10670273, in the amount of \$24,000, motion carried unanimously

### **Municipal Insurance**

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 10, page 70, in the amount of \$696,292, motion carried, Council Member Champagne abstained. Discussion took place.

Council Member Anderson requested a total vehicle summary for years 2009 vs. 2008.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Herbst made a motion to close tab 10, page 70, account 10671278, in the amount of \$696,292, motion carried, Council Member Champagne abstained.

### **Peguet Mohegan Grant**

Mr. Luddecke requested a reduction be made to object code 43720, Peguet Mohegan Grant by \$99,407 due to a calculation error. Council Motola, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 2, page 4-9, motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to reduce object code 43720 by \$99,407. Motion carried, Council Member Herbst abstained.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member O'Shea made a motion co close tab 2, page 4-9 in the amount of \$250,987, Motion carried unanimously.

**Contingency**

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion to open tab 10, page 71, in the amount of \$236,000, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to reduce object code 58000 by \$100,000 for a total of \$136,000. Motion carried, Council Members Herbst, Winkler, Champagne, Schaefer and Herold abstained.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member O'Shea made a motion to close tab 10, page 71, account 10672280, in the amount of \$136,000, motion carried, Council Members Champagne and Herold abstained.

**Social Security and Medicare**

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 10, page 66, in the amount of \$935,000, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to close tab 10, page 66, account 10670270, in the amount of \$935,000, motion carried unanimously.

**Debt Service - Principal Payments**

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion to open tab 11, page 76, in the amount of \$2,935,828, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to reduce tab 11, page 76, object code 59170 by \$221,897. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member O'Shea made a motion to close tab 11, page 76, account 10883292, in the amount of \$2,713,931, motion carried unanimously.

**Debt Service - Interest Payments**

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member O'Shea made a motion to open tab 11, page 77, in the amount of \$2,008,350, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion to reduce object code 59270 by \$26,616 to \$11,694. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion to close tab 11, page 77, account 10883294, in the amount of \$1,981,734, motion carried unanimously.

**Miscellaneous Budget Changes:**

Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion to open tab 5, page 5, account 10113130. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion to decrease object code 51030 in the amount of \$3284. Discussion took place. Motion carried, Council Members Winkler, Herbst, Herold, Fox and Schaefer opposed, Council Member Champagne abstained.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion to close tab 5, page 5 account 10113130 in the amount of \$79,422. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member O'Shea made a motion to open tab 5, page 15 account 10114146. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion decrease object code 51010 in the amount of \$27,721. Discussion took place. Motion carried, Council Members Winkler, Herbst, Herold, Fox and Schaefer opposed, Council Member Champagne abstained.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member O'Shea made a motion to close tab 5, page 15 account 10114146 in the amount of \$224,369. Motion carried, Council Members Herbst, Winkler, Fox and Schaefer opposed.

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 5, page 17 account 10115150. Motion carried, Council Member Etre opposed.  
Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion increase object code 51010 in the amount of \$19,112. Discussion took place

Recess (10:55 PM)

10:57 PM, Council Member Herold left the meeting.

Reconvene (11:11 PM)

Discussion continued.

Motion to increase object code 51010 by \$19,112 failed, Council Members Etre, Motola, Anderson, O'Shea, Campbell and Thomas opposed, Council Member Champagne abstained.

11:15 PM, Council Member O'Shea left the meeting.

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Winkler made a motion to increase object code 51030 by \$10,559. Discussion took place. Motion carried, Council Members Etre, Anderson and Campbell opposed.

Council Member Winkler, seconded by Council Member Herbst made a motion to close tab 5, page 17 account 10115150 in the amount of \$270,337. Motion carried Council Member Champagne abstained.

Council Member Winkler, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 7, page 32 account 10340200. Motion carried, motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Winkler, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to decrease object code 51010 in the amount of \$3235. Discussion took place. Motion carried, Council Member Etre opposed.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to decrease object code 51060 in the amount of \$250. Discussion took place. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to close tab 7, page 32 account 10340200 in the amount of \$576,468. Motion carried, Council Member Etre opposed.

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 5, page 3 account 10112120. Motion failed, Council Members Etre, Motola, Anderson, Campbell, Thomas and Champagne opposed.

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Anderson made a motion to open tab 12, page 83 account 41345700. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Anderson made a motion decrease object code 58400 in the amount of \$20,000. Motion carried, Council Members Winkler, Fox, Herbst and Schaefer opposed.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to close tab 12, page 83 account 41345700 in the amount of \$5,708,145. Motion carried, Council Member Herbst opposed.

Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to open tab 6, page 29 account 10232187. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Motola made a motion to reduce object code 51010 in the amount of \$20,000. Motion carried, Council Members Winkler, Fox, Schaefer and Herbst opposed, Council Member Champagne abstained.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Anderson made a motion to close tab 6, page 29 account 10232187 in the amount of 261,876. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Anderson made a motion to open tab 11, page 74 account 10780290. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion increase object code 57620 in the amount of \$15,000 for purchase of a 4x4 pick up truck for the fire department. Motion failed, Council Members Motola, Etre, Anderson, Campbell, Thomas and Champagne opposed.

Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to reduce object code 57610 by \$56,000 to change the vehicles to a lease purchase. Motion carried, Council Members Herbst opposed, Council Member Winkler abstained.

Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to close tab 11, page 74 account 10780290 in the amount of \$76,120. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Winkler made a motion to open tab 11, page 14 account 10883292. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Winkler made a motion to increase object code 59170 in the amount of \$14,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Motola made a motion to close tab 11, page 14 account 10883292 in the amount of \$2727,931. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Herbst made a motion to open tab 5, page 3 account 10112120. Motion carried, Council Members Anderson and Etre opposed.

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Herbst made a motion to decrease object code in the amount of \$30,000. Motion failed, Council Members Etre, Motola, Anderson, Campbell, Thomas and Champagne opposed.

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Winkler made a motion to decrease object code 51010 in the amount of \$77,122.

**Recess (12:30 AM)**

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Thomas made a motion to recess until Wednesday, April 8, 2009 at 7:00 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Received:

Approved:

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Kentfield  
Recording Secretary